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Notes.

HENDERSON & Jeans announce that they will publish the *American Philatelist* the 15th of this month. The *Philatelic Journal of America* promises to appear this month also.

W. v. d. WETTERH has just published a new wholesale list.

The *Old Curiosity Shop* has turned over its subscription list to *Our American Youth*.

The *Granite State Philatelist* has been purchased by T. C. Watkins of New York. The name will be changed to *The Empire State Philatelist*. We regret the withdrawal of Mr. Hubbard from the philatelic

rank, but feel confident that the paper will succeed under the able management of Mr. Watkins.

The long-looked-for color chart has at last been issued, and is indeed a credit to the National Philatelic Society. It should be in the hands of every collector.

Our Exchanges.

We desire to exchange with all philatelic papers. Up to date we have received The Southern Naturalist, The Philatelic World, Our Own Fireside, The New England Philatelist, The Granite State Philatelist, The Philatelist (N.Y.), Le Timbre Poste, L'Ami des Timbres.

The Stamps of Canada.

(CONTINUED).

Early in 1869 the one, two, three, and six cent values were reduced to the same size as the half cent stamps. These stamps are still in use.

Issue of 1869, small size : perforated.

1 cent	—orange
2 cents	—green
3 cents	—rose
6 cents	—brown

Issue of 1874, small size : perforated.

10 cents—rose pink

Issue of 1875, large size : perforated.

5 cents—olive green

There was a slight change made in the shade of the one and three cent stamps, but this alteration has not been considered by philatelists to be of sufficient importance to be catalogued. The die of the large size five cent was prepared in 1868, but as it was not needed at the time it was laid aside until 1875, when it was brought into use for a short time by the change in the postal rates. It was immediately replaced by the small

five cent in the latter part of 1876. In 1880 the color of the 15 cent stamp was changed to blue.

Issue of 1875, small size : perforated.
5 cents—olive green

Issue of 1880, large size : perforated.
15 cents—steel blue.

In midsummer 1882, a new half cent stamp was issued. The design was very much the same as that which appeared upon the former one, but the ornamentation was much simpler, and the stamp itself smaller.

Issue of 1882, very small : perforated.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent—black

In 1876 the British American Bank Note Company engraved three stamps to be used for the registration of letters. The eight cent denomination was withdrawn from circulation in 1880. As all stamps left on the hands of the Government were destroyed, the stamp is becoming very rare.

Issue of 1876, registration stamp, oblong ;
perforated.
2 cents—orange
3 cents—green
8 cents—blue

Canada has issued very few stamped envelopes. The first were prepared in 1861 by G. F. Nesbitt & Co., of New York.

Issue of 1861, white laid paper.
5 cents—vermillion
10 cents—brown

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St. Christopher Island.

St. Christopher or St. Kitts is an island of the British West Indies, separated from Nevis on the southeast by a strait two miles wide and twenty-three miles long. It was discovered in 1493 by Columbus, who was so charmed with its appearance that he bestowed upon it his own Christian name. By its primitive inhabitants it was called Lianinga or Fertile Island. It is dry, esteemed healthy, and, with an area of sixty-three square miles, carries a population numbering 28,169 souls. The capital is Basseterre, described as a low, hot, dusty town, with good buildings. Its highest

point is Mt. Misery, rising to the height of 4,314 feet.

It was settled by Sir Thomas Warner in 1623, was held afterward by the English and French, and finally was ceded to Great Britain by the treaty of Versailles in 1763.

A Governor, assisted by a Legislative Council, consisting of five official and five unofficial members, nominated by the Queen, conducts the affairs of the island.

Nevis has been recently united with St. Christopher, for the purpose of executive government.

Between 1870 and 1884 there were seven stamps issued :

1d—green ;
1d—rose ;
1d—carmine ;
2½d—claret ;
2½d—blue ;
4d—blue ;
6d—green.

The design was as follows : In the centre, the bust of the Queen, with St. Christopher and postage in a circle around, with the denomination at the bottom.

The Latest—Stamp Snakes

Four thousand stamps, says a contemporary, are required to make a snake of moderate length : and the stamps should be cut smooth at their edges, the paper at the back being left on : they should then be strung loosely on a piece of twine. Use the full size penny ones till you have done 15 inches, then cut them a little smaller, and continue to graduate for the tail, where they should be as small as possible. Fasten on the end of the twine firmly, and join the body to the head. The head is generally made of two pieces of card board, cut the conventional shape of a serpent's head, covered tightly with silk—a shot green and yellow looks best if you can get it—sew it together like a pin-cushion, leaving an opening for the mouth. The eyes are formed by small round patches of scarlet flannel, with a white chalk head in

the centre, and a forked tongue of the scarlet cloth protrudes from the mouth. The knot of the string on which the stamps are threaded is firmly fixed to the inside of one of the head-pieces before the two are sewn together, so that the stamps should come up to it quite closely, and the tongue is fixed in the same manner. A piece of scarlet worsted braid is sewn round the knot of the string at the tail to conceal it, and an end of about quarter of a yard left.—*The Stamp News*.

New Issues.

AZORES—The stamp on the 21 reis envelopes now has the small surcharge.

BOLIVAR—The entire series are now dated 1834.

BRAZIL—A new type of the letter cards has been issued.

BELGIUM—We hear that the color of the 5 centimes has been changed to green.

ENGLAND—The colors of some of the present issue have been changed :

- 10 pence—green
- 20 pence—red
- 1 piastre—blue
- 5 pence—gray

FRANCE—The color of the 20 centime stamps has been changed to red, and they are printed on green paper instead of white as heretofore.

NEW ZEALAND—Provisional half penny stamps have been made by surcharging penny stamps "Half" in black.

RUSSIA—Another of the new issue is out. 5 kopecks.

TAHITI—There are said to be three other surcharged stamps, viz: "25" on 35c, 40c and 75c.

TOLIMA—A new issue is shortly to be in use, composed of the following values: 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centavos; 1, 2, 5, 10 pesos.

TURK'S ISLANDS—The color of the 1 penny is now lake, and the 4d gray.

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